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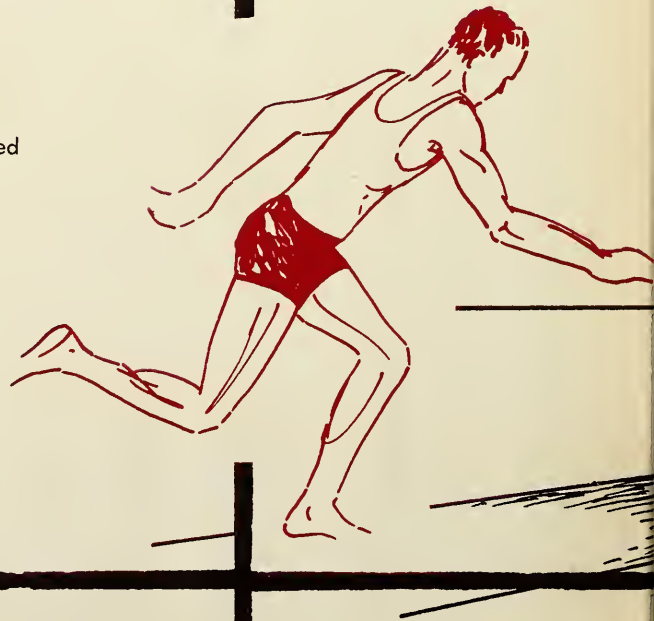
*a senior class publication*

The runner pressed forward,  
Every muscle strained in action,  
With every motion striving onward,  
His eye fixed on the black cinder track  
That lay narrow and straight before him.

As he ran, he remembered  
How he had first come upon the lonely track  
And had wondered where it led.  
He had even tried to trace the cinder trail  
To find its source;  
But because of the white sun's burning heat,  
He soon became wearied, and stumbling off the track,  
Slumped by the way to rest.  
Suddenly he heard a voice . . . and looking up,  
He saw a Stranger standing on the track,  
Who spoke his name and coming to his side,  
Began to tell him of the race for which the trail stood—  
What it was and where it led—  
And of His power to change into able runners  
Those who sought in vain to run the race.  
As he looked and listened, he believed . . .  
And suddenly his black cloak became a sprinter's suit  
And in his wearied body surged a second wind  
Of strength. He turned again to run,  
This time with joy;  
So his race had begun,  
And though his faith and strength were often tested  
By obstacles along the way,  
He always found his second wind sufficient

. . . Pressing toward the mark  
For the prize  
Of the high calling of God  
In Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 3:14*



# *Pressing Toward the Mark*

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## *In Commemoration*



*Oliver E. Steiner*

Professor Oliver Steiner lived a secret — the secret of a happy life. He was much loved as a man and highly respected as a musician; his sincere smile, understanding eyes, and skillful hands will be remembered by us all. Although Professor Steiner's death in the spring of 1955 was a great loss to the college, his example of a happy, Christ-centered life is ever before us. In memoriam, we dedicate this 1956 Light Tower to Professor Oliver Steiner.

# Course

(BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS)

And as the runner went his way one day,  
His wondrous Friend appeared again,  
And told him that he soon would meet  
A company of other youthful runners on the track,  
To whom he should join himself;  
For they had come together to run  
Under the wise instruction of an elder runner,  
One who knew well the difficulties of successful running  
And who would teach them all that he had learned  
of the rules of the race.

The runner found it even as he had been told  
And joined himself to the group.

I will run the way  
Of thy commandments  
Teach me, O Lord,  
The way of thy statutes;  
And I will keep it unto the end.

Psalms 119:32, 33





# Bethany Hall

Bethany Hall opens its doors wide and welcomes everyone with a special warmth and vigor. That vigor is maintained on a steady level by the typewriter's dutiful clicking, and the efficient bustle of office personnel. However, dignified efficiency does not always prevail. Vivacious talk and merry laughter indicate that Bethany is also a women's dormitory. The busy college bookstore, student mail boxes and classrooms further the ceaseless activity which is an indispensable part of our campus life.



Where are you going tonight, tonight . . .



It is good to rub and polish our brain against  
that of others. *Montaigne*





Truth must dazzle gradually or every man be blind.

*Emily Dickinson*



# Founders Memorial

Founders Memorial is a building full of sounds—sounds of all sizes, qualities, and pitches. Early in the morning one can hear the bustling of students as they go to breakfast in the dining hall where they wake up to a rattle of silverware, the clatter of dishes being washed, and the clanging of pots and pans in the kitchen. Throughout the rest of the day Founders hallways buzz with students going to classes, to chapel, to the practice rooms, and to the afternoon gym sessions.

After dinner in the evening, music students take over. Fortunately, practice rooms are sound-proofed but stray noise leaks into the hallways; pianos, organs, sopranos, flutes, trumpets, baritones, and record players all contribute to musical chaos. At nine o'clock students one by one begin leaving, until by twenty to ten only an occasional giggle echoes from the snack bar. Then silence—what a change!



The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of education. Emerson



The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Emerson







With splendor upon splendor multiplied.  
H. W. Longfellow





# *Providence Hall*

Providence is distinctly a women's dormitory. With the bell at the end of study hours comes a scuffle and rustle as books are put away and everyone relaxes — that is unless term papers or collateral work are due. Often if there are no deadlines the following day, little discussion groups meet; subjects include, of course, men. Built during a wartime material shortage, Providence Hall is a demonstration of God's active interest in Fort Wayne Bible College.







Conversation is the laboratory and workshop of  
the student.  
*Emerson*

Everything is upward striving . . .

*James R. Lowell*



In the island of a room . . .

*Robert Campbell*





Far off the noises of the world retreat.

*H. W. Longfellow*





# Schultz Hall

Each September, scores of young men move into this dormitory lock, stock, and barrel, or, more appropriately, briefcase, commentary, and typewriter. In a short while they have, in their own masculine way, made their rooms homey and comfortable. In the past half-century the building has been a silent listener to varied discussions. Subjects range from theology to world affairs, from daily duties to future service. Schultz also houses the college library, laundry, and several classrooms. The "biggest, oldest, and best" dorm commands a warm spot in each of our hearts, and will always remain in the memories of the men who lived and learned here.



Live to learn and you will learn to live.

*Portuguese*



The fountain of perpetual peace flows there.

*H. W. Longfellow*



Now is a time for carving.

*Ezra Pound*



# *Leightner Hall*

After two years of being explored and tested, Leightner Hall is settling down to the normal life of a women's dormitory. Formerly a private home, the building was purchased by the college in the summer of 1954 and that fall a bevy of active co-eds moved in; second and third floors became dormitory rooms and the first floor lent itself for an attractive apartment and faculty lounge. On the corner of Indiana and Rudisill opposite Founders Memorial, Leightner would hardly be recognized as a part of the campus because of an exclusive, mansion-like appearance, but inside, a cheerful, warm atmosphere convinces everyone that Leightner Hall very definitely belongs to Fort Wayne Bible College.







They never sought in vain that sought the Lord aright.

Burns







## *Residence Hall*

Residence Hall is dignified, as we expect it to be for Residence houses faculty apartments. The neat sturdy walls remind us of the men and women who live there — mature, consecrated, industrious Christians giving their lives to the task of preparing young people for effective Christian service.



Home of the brave.



# Instructors

(ADMINISTRATION)

Indeed, the wise instructor knew  
That all his runners now must learn the race's rules,  
Lest they complete the course disqualified,  
Disgraced because they had not known the way to run.  
Nor was the teacher unaware of danger zones ahead:  
Of hidden snares, of ambush, and of hungry beast;  
He knew of the discouragement that came from sheering men  
Who did not care if the race was run;  
He knew the luscious fruit that hung beside the track  
To tempt the faithful runner from his course.

And so the teacher planned to lead and help and warn  
The runners as they ran.

I have led thee in right paths  
Take fast hold of instruction;  
Let her not go . . .  
For she is thy life.

Proverbs 3:11, 13





# Governing Board

The Governing Board, made up of twelve trustees and the president of the college, is delegated by the Missionary Church Association to administer affairs of the college. Serving primarily in the areas of policy and major legislation, the board also appoints all officers and full-time faculty members, holds college property in trust and is responsible for financial affairs. Four denominations: The Missionary Church Association, Christian Union, Christian Missionary Alliance, and Evangelical Mennonite are represented. Meeting three times annually, the board reviews college affairs, makes appointments, examines the budget, and promotes programs for the general expansion and progress of Fort Wayne Bible College.



Mr. L. Shirl Hatfield, chairman



STANDING: Mr. J. Francis Chase, Rev. D. W. Donaghue, Rev. J. Pritchard Amstutz, Rev. Clifford L. Grabill.

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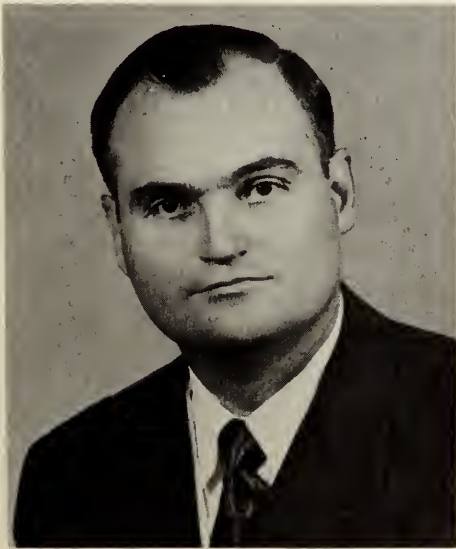
NOT PICTURED: Dr. Milo A. Rediger.



# Faculty Members

S. A. WITMER, A.B., M.A., LL.D., Ph.D.  
President, Professor

Dr. S. A. Witmer lives a life motivated and directed by the Lord Jesus Christ. Well-known for his ability as a leader, Dr. Witmer has been president of the college for ten years, serving previously as dean and registrar. He is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College, Taylor University and the Winona Lake School of Theology; he holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Chicago and the Doctor of Laws degree from Wheaton College. His vision and untiring efforts for the improvement and development of the college are a constant inspiration to students and associates.



HERBERT W. BYRNE, A.B., M.S., Ed.D.  
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Assistant Professor of Pastoral Training

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Registrar  
Professor of General Education



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Dean of Men  
Assistant Professor of Bible



I 'most could touch it with my hand.

Millay



RUTH SONDRIGGER  
Dean of Women



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Assistant Professor of Music Education



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RENE FRANK, M.Mus.  
Assistant Professor of Music



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Assistant Professor of Piano



RICHARD E. GERIG, A.B.  
Director of Radio and Promotion,  
Alumni Coordinator, Assistant Professor



Such sweet compulsion doth in music lie.

Bill Nye



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Assistant Professor of English





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Assistant Professor of Greek, Bible



With variables still untried.  
Moore



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Director of Christian Service and School  
of Extension Study,  
Assistant Professor of Bible



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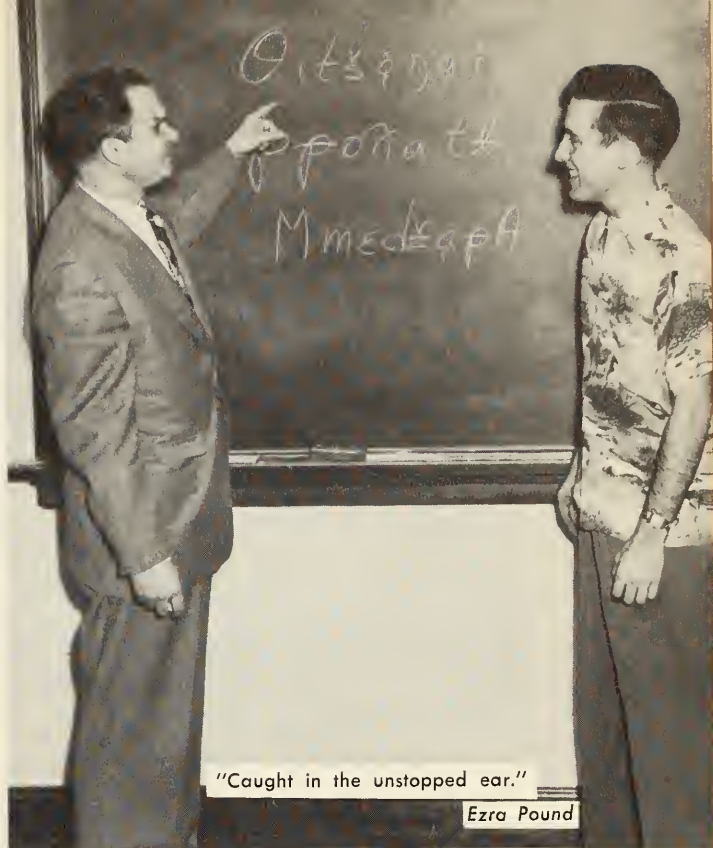


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Director of Physical Education





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Instructor in Organ



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Instructor in Brass Instruments



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Instructor in Piano

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Instructor in Physical Hygiene



ELOISE WOOD, B.M., M.Mus.  
Instructor in Instruments



NOT PICTURED:

ALICE A. POLHAMUS, R.N.  
Instructor in First Aid

Sitting on the inside, looking out.

Eberhart



# Staff Members



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Commissary Manager



MARTHA FIEDLER  
Dining Dept. Supervisor



FERN GALLAGHER  
Business Office Asst.



NORENE HART  
Secretary



C. V. HARTER  
Business Manager



DONNA HARVEY  
Secretary



ANN HILBERT  
Secretary



E. R. HORTON, D.O.  
School Physician



KENNETH C. HUTCHENS  
Supt. of Buildings and Grounds



# *Staff Members*



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Cook



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Cook



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Receptionist



LAVINA LEIGHTNER  
Schultz Hall Hostess



JENNIE MILLER  
Cook

# Staff Members



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Secretary



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Secretary



ADA SMITH  
Laundress



EVELYN STRATMEIER  
Bookkeeper



MARY ULRICH  
School Nurse  
Bethany Hall Supervisor



# Companions

(STUDENT PORTRAITS)

As the runner made acquaintance  
With the others of his group,  
He learned that all had met his wondrous Friend  
And had been called by Him into the race;  
One had been rescued from an attacking beast;  
Another saved from drowning in the sea;  
One had traveled the trail for many miles  
While another had just begun;  
One was talkative,  
Another quiet;  
Yet in their Friend they all delighted  
And found a common joy.

They determined to learn their lessons well  
While they ran together.

Let us lay aside every weight;  
Let us run with patience  
The race that is set before us.

Hebrews 12:1, 2



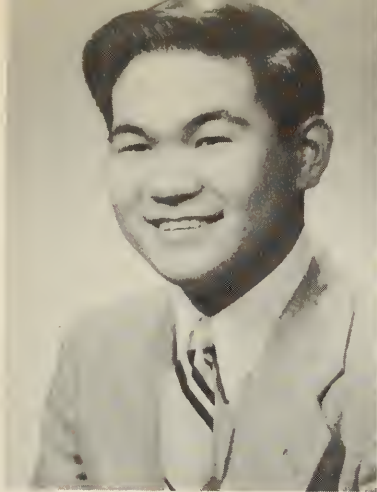




SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Gaylord Williams, Mr. Cyril Eicher, faculty advisor; Jake Schierling, Harriet Fields, Basil Thompson, Robert Taylor.

## *Senior Class*





**Harold J. Ayabe**  
*Standard Bible Course*

Camera Club 2, 3  
Child Evangelism 2  
Instrumental Trio 3  
Oratorio Chorus 2  
Sunday School Teacher 1  
Sunshine Mission 2



**Thomas Holmes Branks**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

A Cappella 3, 4  
Campus Echo 2  
Class President 1  
Class Vice-President 3  
Gospel Quartet 1  
Light Tower Staff 2, 3  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2  
Student Council Representative 1,  
President 4  
Sunday School Teacher 3, 4  
Sunrise Chapel 2, 3



**Elizabeth Ann Bruner**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
Child Evangelism 1, 2  
Gospel Trio 3, 4  
Light Tower Staff 4  
Mission Band 4  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2, 4  
Prayer Band Leader 3, 4  
Sunshine Mission 2



**John Paul Burke**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

A Cappella 2  
Assistant Pastor 4  
Class Treasurer 3  
Jail Worker 2, 3  
Light Tower Staff 3  
Mission Band 3  
Oratorio Chorus 2  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 3  
Youth Conference 4



**John Marvin Butler**  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Assistant Pastor 3, 4  
Dorm Council 4  
Junior Church Leader 3  
Mission Band 4  
Prayer Band Leader 4  
Song Leader 4  
Sunday School Teacher 1, 2, 3  
Youth Conference 3  
Youth Leader 3  
Student Council 4



**John Howard Caddy**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

Choir Director 4  
Church Visitation 4  
Class President 3  
Gospel Team 1, 2  
Light Tower Staff 3  
Men's Chorus 2, 3  
Oratorio Chorus 2, 3  
Pastor 4  
Sunday School Teacher 1, 4  
Tract Team 1  
Youth Conference 2

# SENIORS



Dean Coursey  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Assistant Pastor 3  
Child Evangelism 1, 2  
Prayer Band Leader 2  
Student Council 4  
Student Pastor 4  
Sunshine Mission 3, 4



Carolyn Ruth Crego  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

Camera Club 2, 3  
Child Evangelism 1, 2, 3  
Dorm Council 4  
Gospel Trio 3  
Mission Band 4  
Prayer Band Leader 2  
Student Council 3, 4  
Sunday School Teacher 4



Keith Douglas Davis  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Assistant Pastor 4  
Mission Band 3  
Oratorio Chorus 2  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 3, 4  
Tract Team 2, 3  
Youth Conference 4

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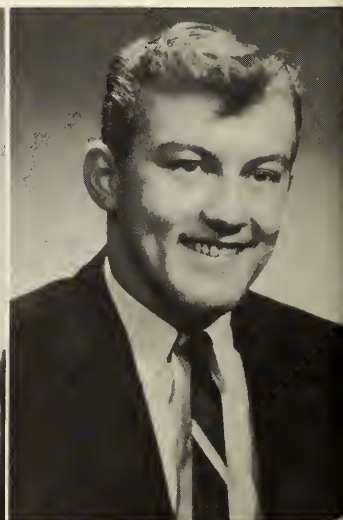
Robert Dye  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Assistant Pastor 3  
Church Visitation 3  
Class Chaplain 1  
Down Town Mission 1, 2, 3, 4  
Hospital Visitation 2, 3, 4  
Street Meetings 1, 2, 3, 4  
Student Pastor 4  
Sunday School Teacher 3



Charlotte Tucker Etling  
*Bachelor of Sacred Music*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
Child Evangelism 3  
Church Organist 4  
Church Organist 4  
Gospel Trio 1  
Mission Band 3  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2, 3  
Sunrise Chapel 2



Theodore Webster Etling  
*Standard Bible Course*

A Cappella 2, 3  
Child Evangelism Driver 3  
Gospel Quartet 3, 4  
Oratorio Chorus 2  
Student Council 4  
Sunday School Teacher 3  
Sunrise Chapel 2, 3, 4  
Sunshine Mission 2





**Harriet Louise Fields**  
*Bachelor of Science in Missions*  
 Child Evangelism 2, 3  
 Class Secretary 3, 4  
 Light Tower Staff 4  
 Oratorio Chorus 1  
 Youth Conference 4  
 Youth Leader 4



**Mary Olga Gabrielson**  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
 Child Evangelism 1, 2  
 Gospel Team 2, 3  
 Light Tower Staff 3  
 Oratorio Chorus 1, 3



**Arthur Gaunt**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*  
 Assistant Pastor 3, 4  
 Sunday School Teacher 1, 2, 3  
 Youth For Christ Director 2, 3, 4



**Mary Louise Haller**  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*  
 Child Evangelism 1, 2, 3  
 Dorm Council 4  
 Junior Church Leader 4



**Larry Frank Harter**  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 Church Visitation 2, 3, 4  
 Class Treasurer 4  
 Song Leader 2, 3, 4  
 Sunday School Teacher 1, 2, 3, 4  
 Varsity Basketball Team 2, 3, 4



**Lois Katherine Held**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*  
 Camera Club 4  
 Child Evangelism 1  
 Jail Services 4  
 Light Tower Staff 4  
 Prayer Band Leader 4  
 Sunday School Teacher 2, 3, 4

# SENIORS



**Delbert Owen Hewitt**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*  
 A Cappella 2  
 Camera Club 3  
 Child Evangelism 2  
 Dorm Council 4  
 Down Town Mission 2  
 Gospel Quartet 3  
 Light Tower Staff 4  
 Oratorio Chorus 3  
 Prayer Band Leader 3, 4  
 Street Meetings 2  
 Tract Team 2  
 Youth Leader 4



**Shirley Mae Hirschy**  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 A Cappella 1  
 Child Evangelism 1, 3,  
     Student Director 3  
 Light Tower Staff 3  
 Oratorio Chorus 1  
 Prayer Band Leader 3  
 Sunday School Teacher 2



**Charles Robert Kalt**  
*Bachelor of Science in Missions*  
 Assistant Pastor 4  
 Camera Club 1  
 Campus Echo 2  
 Choir Director 4  
 Dorm Council 3  
 Gospel Quartet 1, 2  
 Prayer Band Leader 2, 3  
 Song Leader 4  
 Youth Conference 4



**M. Jean Kerby**  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
 Child Evangelism 1  
 Gospel Trio 1, 2  
 Light Tower Staff 3  
 Oratorio Chorus 1, 3  
 Sunday School Teacher 3  
 Sunrise Chapel 3



**Dorothy Alice Kincaid**  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*  
 Camera Club 2, 4  
 Child Evangelism 3  
 Dorm Council 4  
 Light Tower Staff 4  
 Student Council 4  
 Sunday School Teacher 2, 4



**Geraldine Daugherty King**  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 Child Evangelism 2, 3  
 Church Visitation 4  
 Sunday School Teacher 3, 4

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Gloria Joann Kleinhenn  
*Standard Bible Course*

City Rescue Mission 3  
Sunday School Teacher 3



James Allison Leever  
*Bachelor of Science in Missions*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4  
Assistant Pastor 3  
Church Visitation 4  
Class Vice-President 2  
Dorm Counsellor 3  
Gospel Team 1, 2, 4  
Light Tower Staff 4  
Oratorio Chorus 2  
Song Leader 3  
Student Council 3, 4  
Sunrise Chapel 2  
Youth Conference 4



Elizabeth Baird Lehman  
*Standard Bible Course*

A Cappella 1  
Campus Echo 2  
Child Evangelism 1, 2  
Oratorio Chorus 1  
Prayer Band Leader 2  
Primary Church Leader 3  
Sunday School Teacher 2  
Youth Leader 3



Vernon Lee Lehman  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

Down Town Mission 2, 4  
Street Meetings 2, 4  
Sunshine Mission 5  
Tract Team 2  
Youth Leader 3



Raymond Morrisson Lord  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*  
*Bachelor of Theology*  
Gospel Team Speaker 3  
Student Pastor 3, 4



Rolland McCune  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*  
Assistant Pastor 4  
Church Visitation 4  
Sunday School Teacher 1, 2, 3, 4

# SENIORS



Elaine Caroline Maris  
*Standard Bible Course*

Child Evangelism 1  
Oratorio Chorus 3  
Prayer Band Leader 1  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 3  
Theta Beta Officer 3



Thomas Pleny Mohr  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

Assistant Pastor 2  
Child Evangelism 3, 4  
Church Visitation 3, 4  
Down Town Mission 2  
Gospel Team Driver 2  
Song Leader 3, 4  
Street Meetings 2  
Student Pastor 3, 4  
Sunday School Teacher 4  
Youth Leader 3, 4



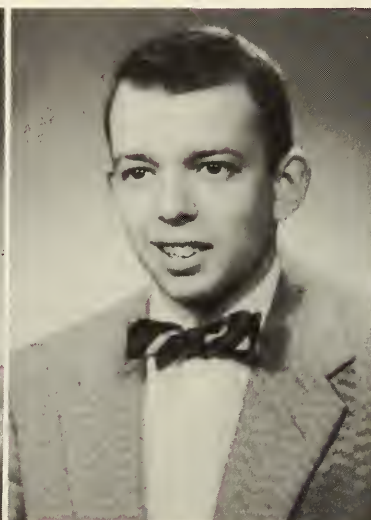
Gerald Myers  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Oratorio Chorus 1, 2  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 3, 4



Helen Elaine Perry  
*Bachelor of Science in Missions*

Campus Echo 2  
Child Evangelism 2, 3  
Gospel Temple Band 3  
Light Tower Staff 3, 4  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2  
Prayer Band Leader 2, 3, 4  
Student Council 4  
Youth Leader 2, 3, 4



Robert Ronald Ramseyer  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

A Cappella 1  
Child Evangelism 2  
Gospel Quartet 1  
Junior Church Leader 3  
Mission Band 3  
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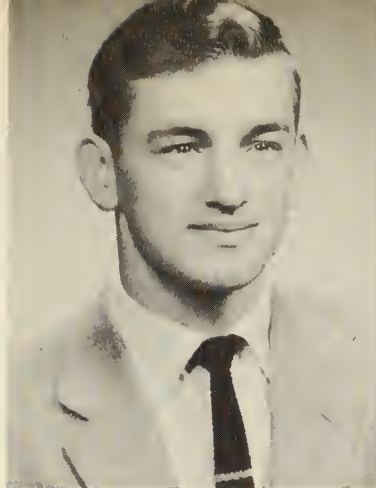


Arlene Marjorie Riegel  
*Bachelor of Sacred Music*

A Cappella 3, 4  
Band 4  
Church Organist 3, 4  
Gospel Team 1, 2  
Mission Band 2, 3, 4  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2, 3, 4  
Senior Recital 4  
Sunrise Chapel 3, 4  
Youth Conference 3, 4

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William Fredrick Roberts  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
Camera Club 1, 2  
Child Evangelism 1  
Gospel Quartet 2  
Light Tower Staff 3  
Prayer Band Leader 1, 2  
Student Pastor 3, 4  
Sunrise Chapel 3



Melva Rousselle  
*Standard Bible Course*

A Cappella 1  
Child Evangelism 1  
Oratorio Chorus 1  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 3



Jake Paul Schierling  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*

Class President 4  
Gospel Team Speaker 4  
Mission Band 3, 4  
Student Council 4



Miriam Ione Sprunger  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Child Evangelism 2, 3  
Children's Worker 4  
Dorm Council 4



Lilah Magdalene Steiner  
*Standard Bible Course*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
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Gospel Team 1  
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Sunday School Teacher 2, 3  
Sunrise Chapel 1, 2, 3



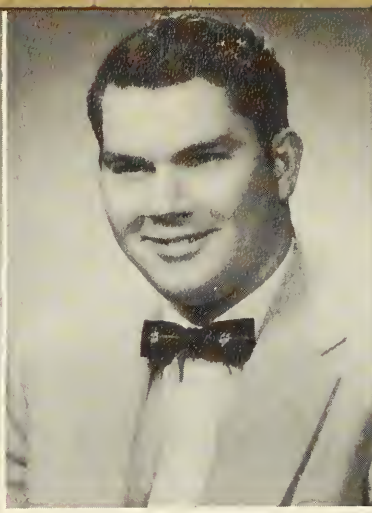
Barbara Ellen Streitmatter  
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Child Evangelism 2, 3  
Dorm Council 3  
Oratorio Chorus 1  
Student Council 3  
Theta Beta Officer 3

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Elaine Lehman Taylor  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 A Cappella 2, 3  
 Child Evangelism 1  
 Gospel Trio 1  
 Junior Church 3  
 Sunrise Chapel 2



Robert Eugene Taylor  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*  
 A Cappella 1, 4  
 Class Athletic Director 2, 3, 4  
 Gospel Quartet 2  
 Song Leader 3, 4  
 Sunrise Chapel 3  
 Varsity Basketball 1, 3, 4



Basil Edward Thompson  
*Bachelor of Theology*  
 Class Chaplain 4  
 Dorm Council 4  
 Gospel Team Speaker 4  
 Mission Band 4  
 Prayer Band Leader 1  
 Student Council 1

# SENIORS



Gilberto Vargas  
*Bachelor of Arts in Bible*  
 A Cappella 1  
 Child Evangelism 3, 4  
 Gospel Team 1  
 Sunday School Teacher 3, 4



Dorothy Ann Walton  
*Standard Bible Course*  
 A Cappella 1, 2, 3  
 Child Evangelism 1, 2, 3  
 Oratorio Chorus 1, 2  
 Sunday School Teacher 3



SENIORS NOT PICTURED:

Walter Bailey  
Noel Grabill  
William Harrigan  
Donna Morehead  
Lysle Schmidt  
Billy Springfield



Frank Warren  
*Standard Bible Course*

Assistant Pastor 2, 3  
Class Chaplain 2  
Junior Church 3  
Prayer Band Leader 1  
Sunday School Teacher 2  
Tract Team 1  
Youth Leader 2, 3



Gaylord K. Williams  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

A Cappella 3  
Class Vice-President 4  
Down Town Mission 2, 3  
Gospel Quartet 1, 2, 3, 4  
Light Tower Staff 3  
Prayer Band Leader 2  
Street Meetings 2  
Sunrise Chapel 3  
Youth Conference 2, 3



June Shizue Williams  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

Child Evangelism 3  
Gospel Team 1, 2  
Prayer Band Leader 2



William Clifford Witker  
*Bachelor of Religious Education*

A Cappella 1, 2, 3, 4, 5  
Camera Club 2  
Gospel Quartet 3  
Light Tower Staff 5  
Oratorio Chorus 1, 2, 3, 5  
Student Council 3  
Student Pastor 4, 5  
Sunday School Teacher 2, 4, 5  
Youth Leader 4, 5

SENIORS



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—William Curry, William Enright, Abraham Williams, Kenneth Cave, Esther Kemmerer, Gaius Steiner, Mr. Harvey Mitchell, faculty advisor.

## *Junior Class*



Vernon Babcock  
Georgia Black  
Oline Brooks



Vontros Cavanaugh  
Kenneth Cave



William Curry  
Bruce Decker

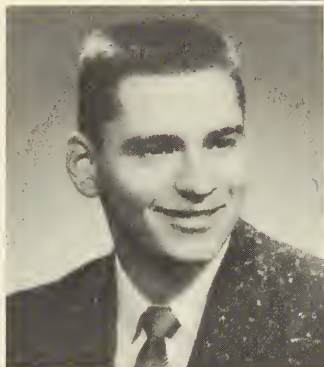


Gerald Dillinger  
Ann Eicher



# JUNIORS

William Enright  
Henry Harmon  
Douglas Hodges



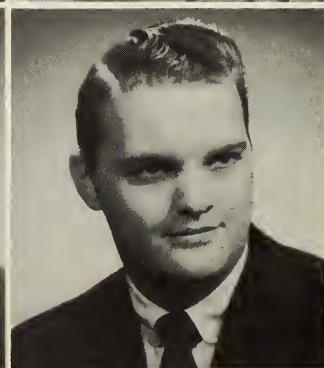
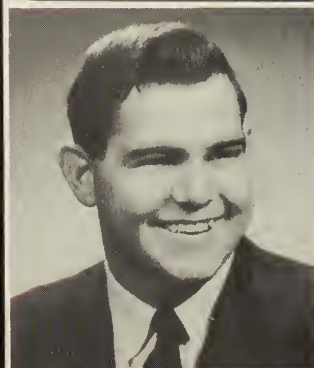
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Esther Hofstetter



Pat Hopkins  
Lillian Hughes



Thomas Johnson  
Edwin Jones



# JUNIORS



Esther Kemmerer  
William Koehnlein  
David Lang



Jerry Lehman  
Rochelle Liechty



Betty Linkous  
Patricia McCune



Patricia Mettler  
Robert Mundy



# JUNIORS

Elvin Myers  
Jerry Peaster  
Herman Rulla



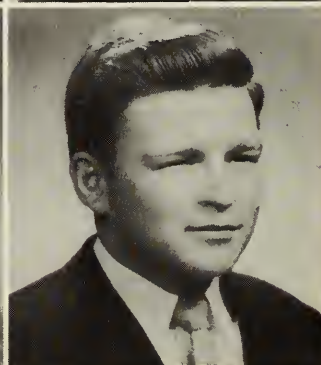
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Roger Schladenhauffen



Betty Jo Settlemyre  
Madelyn Shives



Victor Simes  
James Sowers



# JUNIORS



Audrey Sparks  
Betty Stehl  
Richard Stehl



Gaius Steiner  
Vance Swope



Harry Tam  
Eleanor Vondran



Abraham Williams  
Jean Wrightson



# JUNIORS.

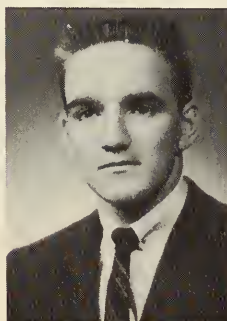
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Edison Beihold  
Joan Cureton  
Richard Grogg

Katherine Hanna  
Herbert Jackson  
Gene King  
Glen Schade  
Herald Welty



SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Ronald Davis, Patricia Witt, Barbara Smith, Lester Meisenheimer, Joseph Cunningham, Bernard Williams, Benjamin Williams, Mr. Don Kenyon, faculty advisor.

## *Sophomore Class*



David Bicker



JoAnna Brewer



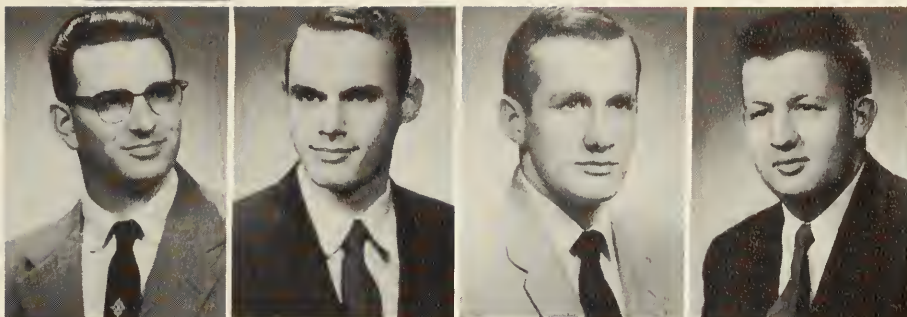
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Carl Burke



Gerald Cavender  
Joseph Cunningham  
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Dale Ferrier



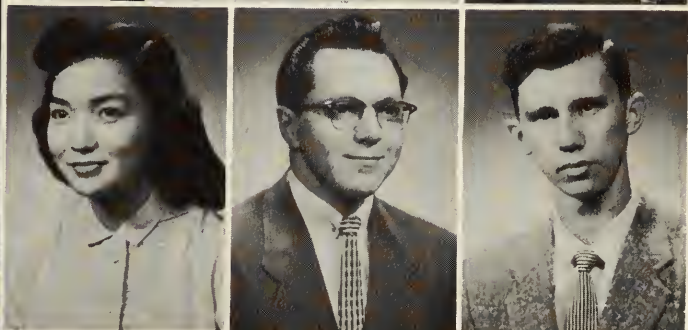
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Marilyn Hara



Ronald Hughs  
Elisabeth Kimmer  
Carol Koch

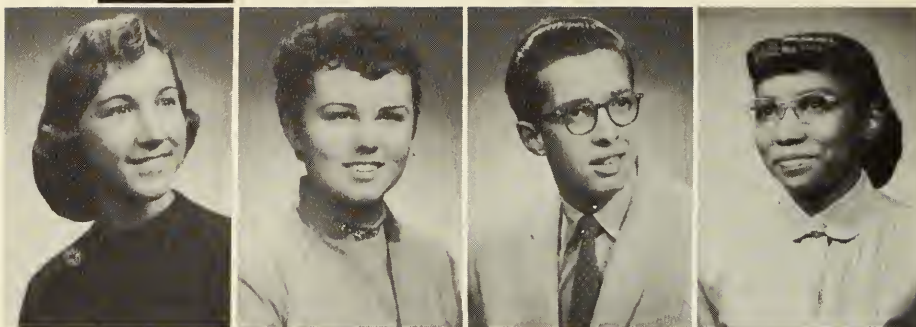


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Richard LaCroix  
Clifford Lake

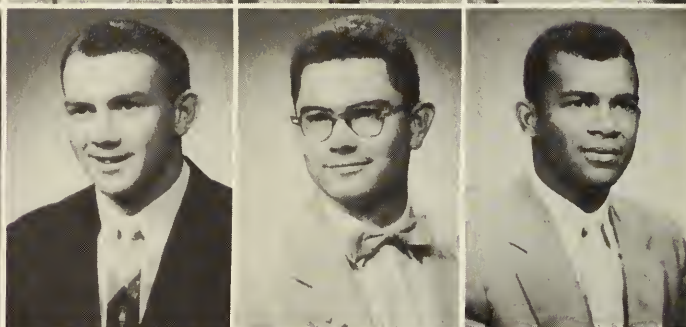


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Shirley Lorentzen  
Harold McKnight  
Edna Manyan



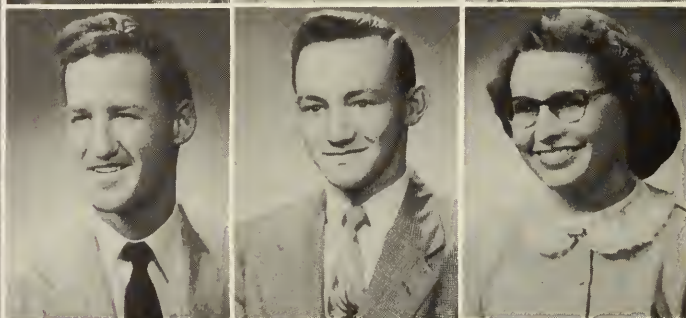
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Alan Mettler  
Hugh Palmer



Ray Raycroft  
Ardene Smith  
Barbara Smith



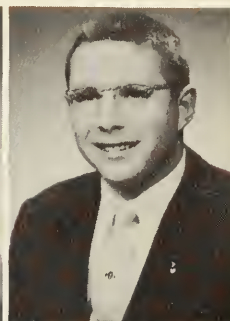
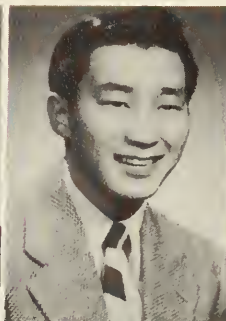
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Jonathan Steiner  
Carmen Steininger



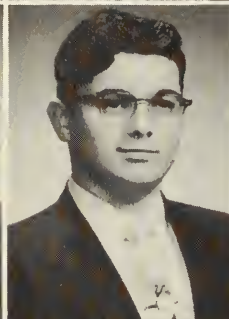
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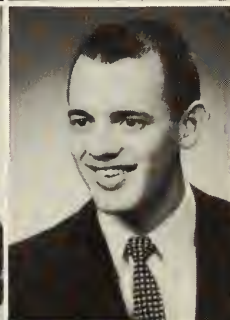
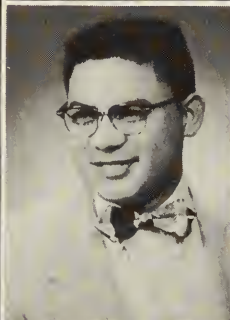
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Willis Sudmann  
Wayne Tanaka  
Gary Temple



Doris Thompson  
Wayne Watson  
Cecilia Whiteford



Bernard Williams  
Gladys Williams  
Roland Wilson



Patricia Witt  
Betty Ziegler  
John Zurcher



# SOPHOMORES



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Sally Allen, Miss Betty Stanley, advisor; Frank Burke, Ronald Krause, Lloyd Lee, Paul Schade, Kenneth Hewitt, Alva Herron.

## *Freshman Class*



Leighton Allen

Sally Allen

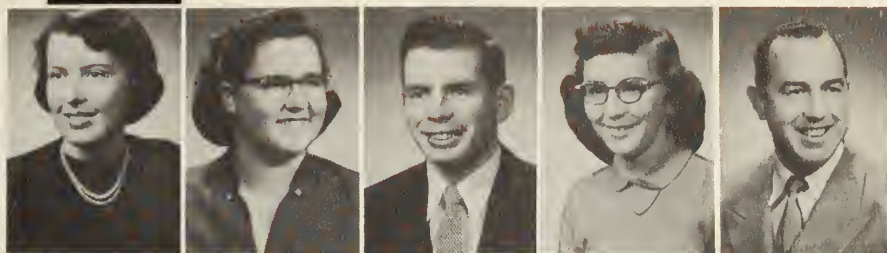
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Bertil Asklund

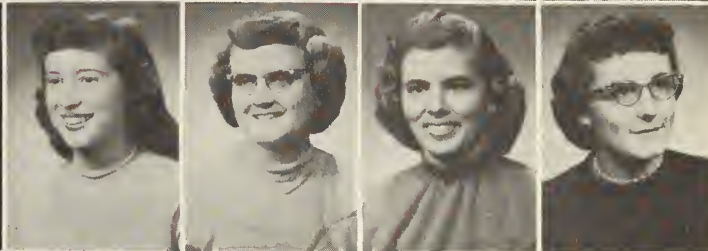
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Marlyn Bilger  
Carrol Bley  
Floyd Brick  
Nancy Brown  
Frank Burke



Janice Burr  
Muriel Camp  
Roberta Carter  
Helen Chase



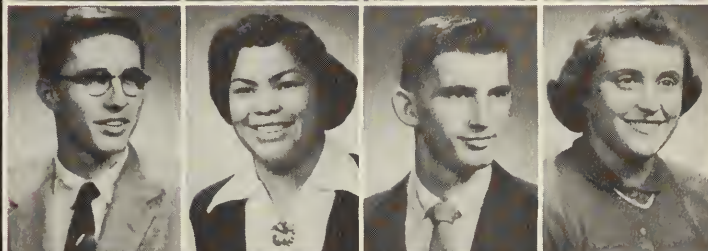
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Anita Coppock  
Ruth Couture  
John Cureton



Dorothy Davis  
Carolyn Derreth  
Louise Diller  
Betty Donaghue



Ronald England  
Renee Fagarang  
Kenneth Fenner  
Nancy Fetter



Jewel Freeman  
Marilyn Fox  
Janice Grabill  
Vernon Haller

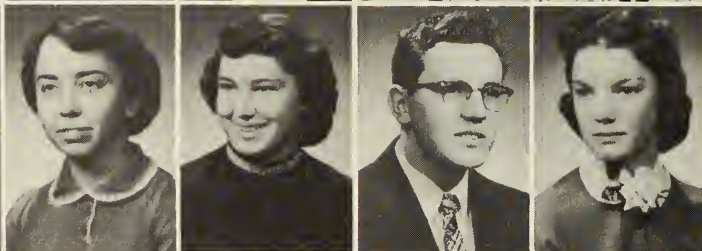


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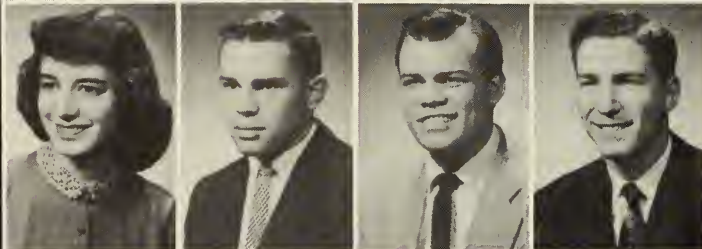
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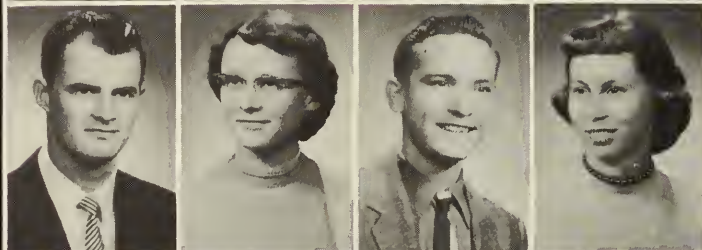
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Judith Kenyon



Kathryn Krasula  
Ronald Krause  
Lloyd Lee  
Robert Liechty



William Light  
Lois Litzenberg  
Charles Lockie  
Joanne May



Paul McDaniel  
Carolyn Means  
Scott Merryman  
Arlene Meyers



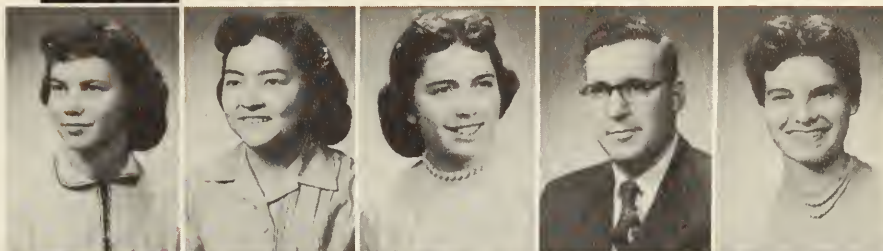
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Ramona Miller  
Marilyn Nelson



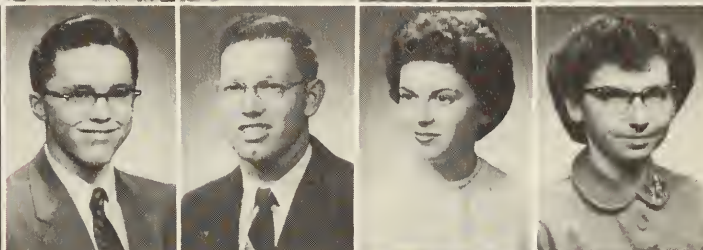
# FRESHMEN



Dorothy Nesseth  
Edna Nishihara  
Margaret Owen  
Robert Padgett  
Marlene Patterson



William Paul  
Albert Pettet  
Marilyn Ramseyer  
Dorothy Rambo



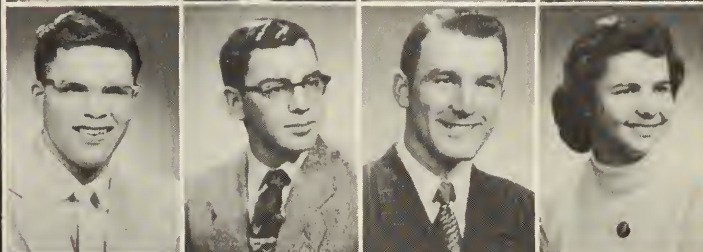
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Roberta Reynolds  
Margaret Richards  
John Richardson



Ruth Ringenberg  
Thomas Robinson  
Carol Roth  
Dorothy Royalty



Paul Schade  
Orvil Schlatter  
Russell Schumacher  
Grace Shillingsburg



Joan Seitz  
Milton Sinn  
Syvilla Soderquist  
Harvey Sprague



# FRESHMEN

Bessie Steiner  
T. A. Strader  
Evelyn Strahsburg  
Donald Steltz  
Mitsue Tao



Kathleen Thomson  
Evelyn Thorn  
Ila Tripp  
Janet Truit



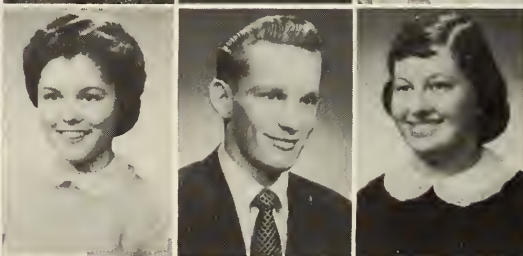
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Mary Ann Wagner  
Evelyn Waller  
Mary Warner



Paul Weidner  
Marilyn Weldon  
Carol Wiens  
Bertha Wilson



Donna Wright  
Forest Yoder  
Shelba Yoder



# FRESHMEN

## FRESHMAN NOT PICTURED:

John Allan  
Franklin Burkey  
Patricia Byall  
Martha Carney  
Joanne Dick  
Mary Fultz  
Robert Garber  
James Gordon  
Beverly Grabill

Robert Hartung  
Theda Heller  
Marlene Langosch  
Beverly Mark  
James Mettert  
Delmer Nusbaum  
Florence Rahn  
Clifford Shaum  
Weldon Stockwell



Dianne Allen  
Jerry Bedford  
Mary Lou Beeman  
Carol Beerbower  
Thomas Burke



Esther Caddy  
Joyce Diller  
Gail Gardner



Donna Garnier  
Carolyn Garretson  
Alice Gushiken



Evelyn Hamamoto  
May Iha  
Gerald Kreh



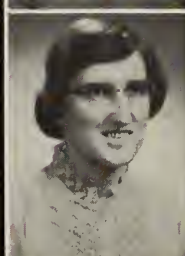
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Faye Adams  
Ollie Calquette  
June Cavender  
Jerry Hynek  
Phyllis Johnson  
Josephine Meginnis  
Gordon Mollett  
Pearl Mullans  
Guy Scheib  
Elzer Showers  
Pauline Sonius  
Ronald Sonius  
Mary Ulrich  
Ethel Williams

Janet Kunioka  
Anna Mertz  
Ethel Smith



Edna Wichert  
Julia Yoder  
Bernadine Zurcher



SPECIALS

# *Nurses Training Course*

The nursing program of Fort Wayne Bible College has grown steadily since its inauguration in 1953; today fifteen students have completed their first year at the college and are now training at Lutheran hospital. Teaching in Bible and missions at the college gives spiritual preparation for the days when the young women will wear their blue dresses and white caps, ministering to both body and soul. After three years at Lutheran hospital, the graduate registered nurses return to the college campus for another year of instruction in Bible, theology, and missions. Receiving their Bachelor of Science degrees in Missionary Nursing Service, they leave with one goal — to serve God in nursing service on the mission field or at home.

Barbara McCord, Sally Kinoshita, Joy Easterling, Mary Rodeheffer, Eleanor Hellstein, Marlene Devlin.







BARBARA LUNG  
Class of '57



MARTHA OVERMYER  
Class of '58



ETHEL SCHLATTER  
Class of '58



Labor of love.  
Holy Bible



Marlene Devlin  
Sally Kinoshita

Joy Easterling  
Barbara McCord

Phyllis Goin  
Patricia Pier

Marian Haffner  
Mary Rodeheffer

Joan Hankey  
Ida Snoke

Eleanor Hellstein  
Patsy Wolfe

### CLASS OF '59





# Fellowship

(ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES)

When the lesson time was over,  
With another rule discussed and learned,  
The runners often chatted as they ran,  
Some discussing problems with a special friend  
And others merely making pleasant jokes  
Or relating some adventurous tale  
To ease their wearied minds.  
And when the sky grew dark with night,  
They gathered with their teacher by the side of the track  
To rest and wait the day.

But as soon as morning light began to fill the sky  
The company was on its way.

So run that ye may obtain.  
And every man  
That striveth for the mastery  
Is temperate in all things.

1. Corinthians 9:24, 25







STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Thomas Branks, Patricia Mettler, Herbert Jackson, Theodore Etling.



# Student Council

Problems, complaints, new propositions and ideas make up the discussion agenda at Student Council meetings. The council works with the faculty in effecting and enforcing campus regulations as well as in planning and sponsoring intercollegiate basketball games, annual spring banquet, and other functions.

Composed of representatives from classes and dorms, this advisory body also includes all class presidents, president of Students' Mission Band, and the editor of the Light Tower as ex-officio members. Student Council makes college life more enriching and pleasant for everyone. Each year the Council plans a project in which the students participate. Past projects include a student lounge, chapel furniture, hymnals, and books for the library. This year air conditioning equipment is being procured for the dining hall.



SEATED—Theodore Etling, Herbert Jackson, Patricia Mettler, Thomas Branks, Cyril Eicher, faculty advisor; Elvin Myers, Miss Ruth Sondregger, faculty advisor; Lillian Hughes. STANDING—Basil Thompson, James Leever, Jake Schierling, Lester Meisenheimer, Ronald Davis, Lloyd Lee, Barbara Streitmatter, Dorothy Kincaid, Elaine Perry, Carolyn Crego, Gaius Steiner.



FIRST SEMESTER OFFICERS: SEATED—Elizabeth Bruner, Basil Thompson, Mr. Claude Stipe, faculty advisor; William Enright. STANDING—Alvin Sauter, Lester Meisenheimer.

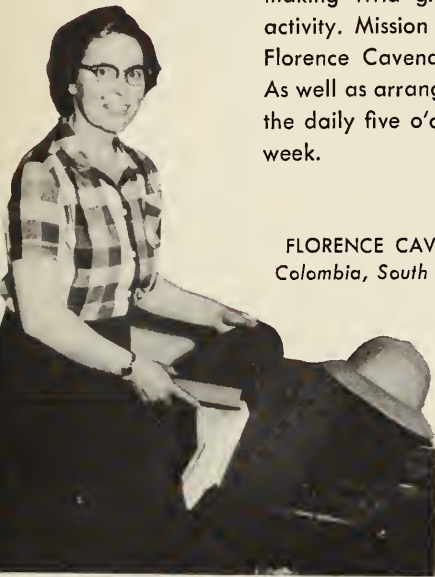


Jake Schierling, President



# Student's Mission Band

Students' Mission Band, an all-student organization, seeks to promote an understanding of the operation of Christian missions and to influence students fully to dedicate their lives to Christ. With advisory counsel and much prayer, Mission Band officers plan weekly evening programs with emphasis on foreign missions. Representatives from all major fields of the world present their challenge through spoken message and film, making vivid great human needs and giving glimpses into the heart of missionary activity. Mission Band provides partial support for two missionaries on the field—Miss Florence Cavender in Colombia, South America, and Joseph Shisler in West Africa. As well as arranging special missions projects each year, Students' Mission Band sponsors the daily five o'clock prayer meetings and a special program at supper devotions each week.



FLORENCE CAVENDER  
*Colombia, South America*



JOSEPH SHISLER  
*Sierre Leone  
French West Africa*



SECOND SEMESTER MISSION BAND OFFICERS:

FIRST ROW—Arlene Riegel, Carolyn Crego, Jake Schierling, Marilyn Hara.  
SECOND ROW—Douglas Hodges, Frank Burke, John Butler.

# Youth Conference

Each fall during Youth Conference weekend the campus overflows with activity, excitement, and blessings as hundreds of teen-agers from nearby states come for spiritual challenge and an inside view of Bible College life. During their three-day visit on the college campus, they attend special meetings and participate in a wide variety of recreational programs, enjoying fellowship with other Christian high school and college students. As visitors begin pouring in on Friday, furniture in dormitory rooms is stacked in corners; mattresses and suitcases occupy the floor. Sheets, pillows and cots even invade classrooms when dorms begin to bulge. Following the Friday night opening service, Saturday's activities include several informal meetings, all types of recreation, and a weiner roast and bonfire sing in the late afternoon. Sunday's two meetings are more formal and Youth Conference closes with a missionary service in the afternoon. As the visiting young people leave campus, many have a new vision and desire to serve God, while others rejoice in their new-found Saviour.



JAMES LEEVER  
*Chairman*



HARRIET FIELDS  
*Co-chairman*







## Our Speaker

Speaker at this year's Youth Conference was Mr. Jim Rayburn, national director of Young Life Campaign, a nation-wide movement begun in 1940. While working as a youth leader in a Dallas, Texas, church, Mr. Rayburn found that informal meetings in homes on week-nights were most effective in reaching high schoolers for Christ. This method of winning teen-agers spread rapidly until today Young Life Campaign is ministering to thousands of young people throughout the country. Here, Mr. Rayburn held the attention of large Youth Conference audiences as he spoke in his informal, witty way. Many young people were influenced to yield to Christ's will for their lives.



YOUTH CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE: SEATED—Harriet Fields, James Leever, Miss Betty Stanley, advisor; Audrey Sparks, W. M. Cook, advisor. STANDING—John Burke, Gaius Steiner, William Enright.

# Light Tower

At the end of each school year, the Junior class selects an editor and business manager for next year's Light Tower, the college yearbook. In September the editor and staff go to work, becoming more earnest and intensive in their task as months move rapidly by.

In the spring when staff efforts are rewarded by publication of the book they watch with mixed emotions. The staff is happy for the privilege of working on the book, but they do not soon forget those late hours in the Light Tower room, endless revisions, and painstaking details which require much time and persistent effort. A storehouse of memories, an inside peek at college life, as well as valuable experience for the staff, the Light Tower beams its testimony of God's unending blessing on the college.



EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER: Elaine Perry and William Witker.



EDITORIAL STAFF: SEATED—Miss Martha Johnson, faculty advisor; Elaine Perry, Mayme Hodges. STANDING—Elizabeth Bruner, Jerry Bedford, Alvin Sauter, Clarence Hodges, Jean Wrightson, Magdalene Steiner.





**BUSINESS STAFF:** SEATED — Delbert Hewitt, Harriet Fields, William Witker, Abraham Williams. STANDING — Mr. Richard Gerig, faculty advisor; Lester Meisenheimer, James Leever.



**LITERARY STAFF:** SEATED — Jean Wrightson, Rochelle Liechty, Magdalene Steiner, Jean Kerby, Lois Held, Shirley Hirschy, Mary Gabrielson. STANDING— Alvin Sauter, Jerry Bedford, Yvonne Johnson.



**ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY STAFF:** LEFT TO RIGHT—Kenneth Hewitt, Bertil Asklund, Dorothy Kincaid, Bruce Gerig, Mayme Hodges.

# Theta Beta



LEFT TO RIGHT—Betty Linkous, Lillian Hughes,  
Barbara Streitmatter, Millie Jacobs.

Christian young women must accept the challenge of facing today's problems with poise, grace and assurance; Theta Beta seeks to promote a Christ-centered answer to this challenge. With membership in this organization open to all women students of the college, emphasis is placed on the development of Christian graces and an appreciation of the fine arts. The executive committee plans interesting meetings and activities including banquets, teas, nature hikes, and educational films. This recently organized club is a popular extra for Fort Wayne Bible College women.



LEFT TO RIGHT—Rochelle Leichty, Elaine Maris, Barbara Streitmatter, Miss Ruth Sondregger,  
faculty advisor; Betty Linkous.



# Camera Club



Anyone with a camera and an interest in photography may become a member of this student organization. Club members and faculty advisor, Professor Don Kenyon, meet twice a month to discuss photography techniques and on different occasions throughout the year professional photographers lecture and give demonstrations to the club. Amateurs are given opportunity to put training into practice; each semester a camera club outing is arranged during which club members disappear for a day with their cameras — and plenty of food. Then, after busy days in the darkroom, three members are rewarded for their prize-winning photos. Camera Club offers adventure-seeking students release for extra energy, and provides valuable training in photography.

Prize-winning Photograph.

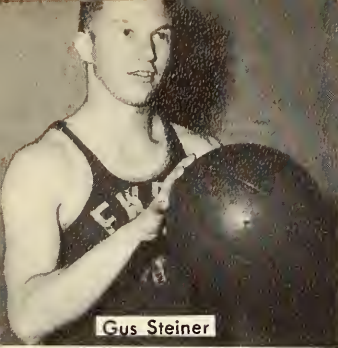


FIRST ROW—William Koehnlein, Harold Ayabe, Elvin Myers, Wayne Tanaka. SECOND ROW—Mr. Don Kenyon, faculty advisor; Jewel Freeman, Lois Held, Alva Herron, Vernon Babcock, Orvil Schlatter, William Light.

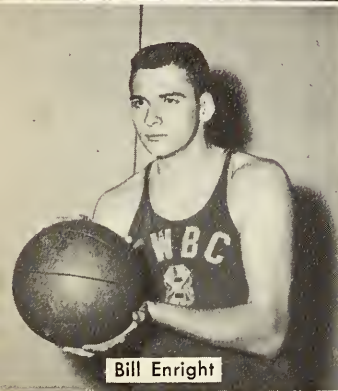


# Intercollegiate

The expanding intercollegiate basketball program at Fort Wayne Bible College provides fun and fellowship when teams and loyal fans whip up excitement as they compete with students from other Christian colleges. This year the Ambassadors had a highly successful season; they experienced defeat only once, and that at the hands of Grace Theological Seminary. Other colleges played include Detroit Bible Institute and Huntington College.



Gus Steiner



Bill Enright



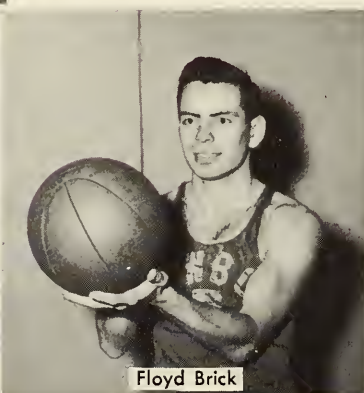
Larry Harter

COACH: Clair Motz.

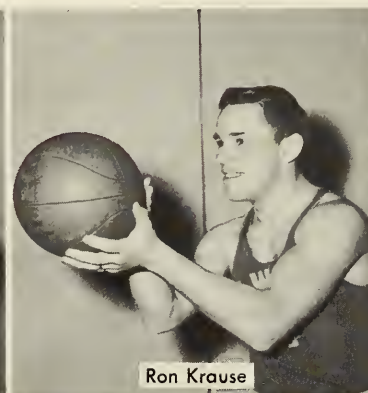
Scores on the 1955-56 intercollegiate schedule show that Coach Clair Motz did a bang-up job with the Ambassadors this year. Mr. Motz, an instructor and intramural coach at South Side High School in Fort Wayne, has an attractive Christian personality and is a fine person to work with.



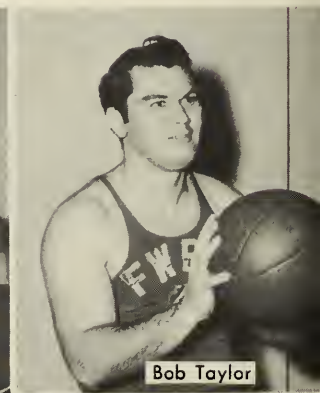
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Floyd Brick



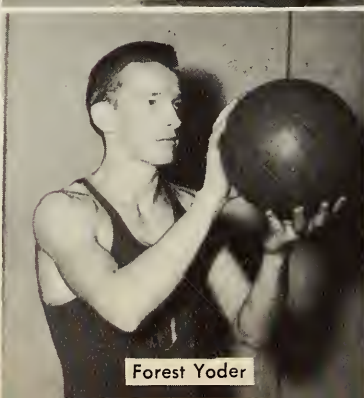
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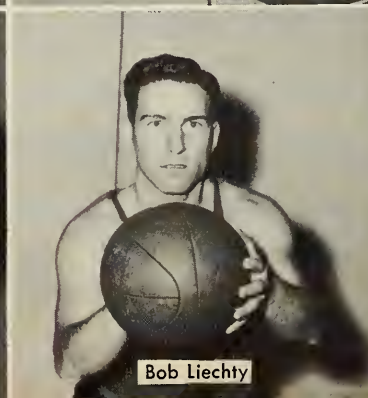
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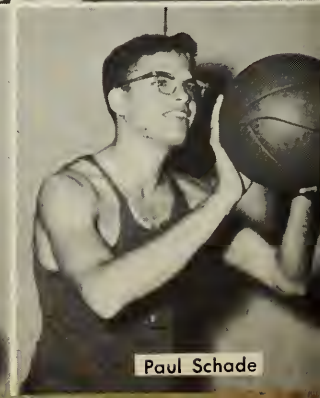
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# Basketball



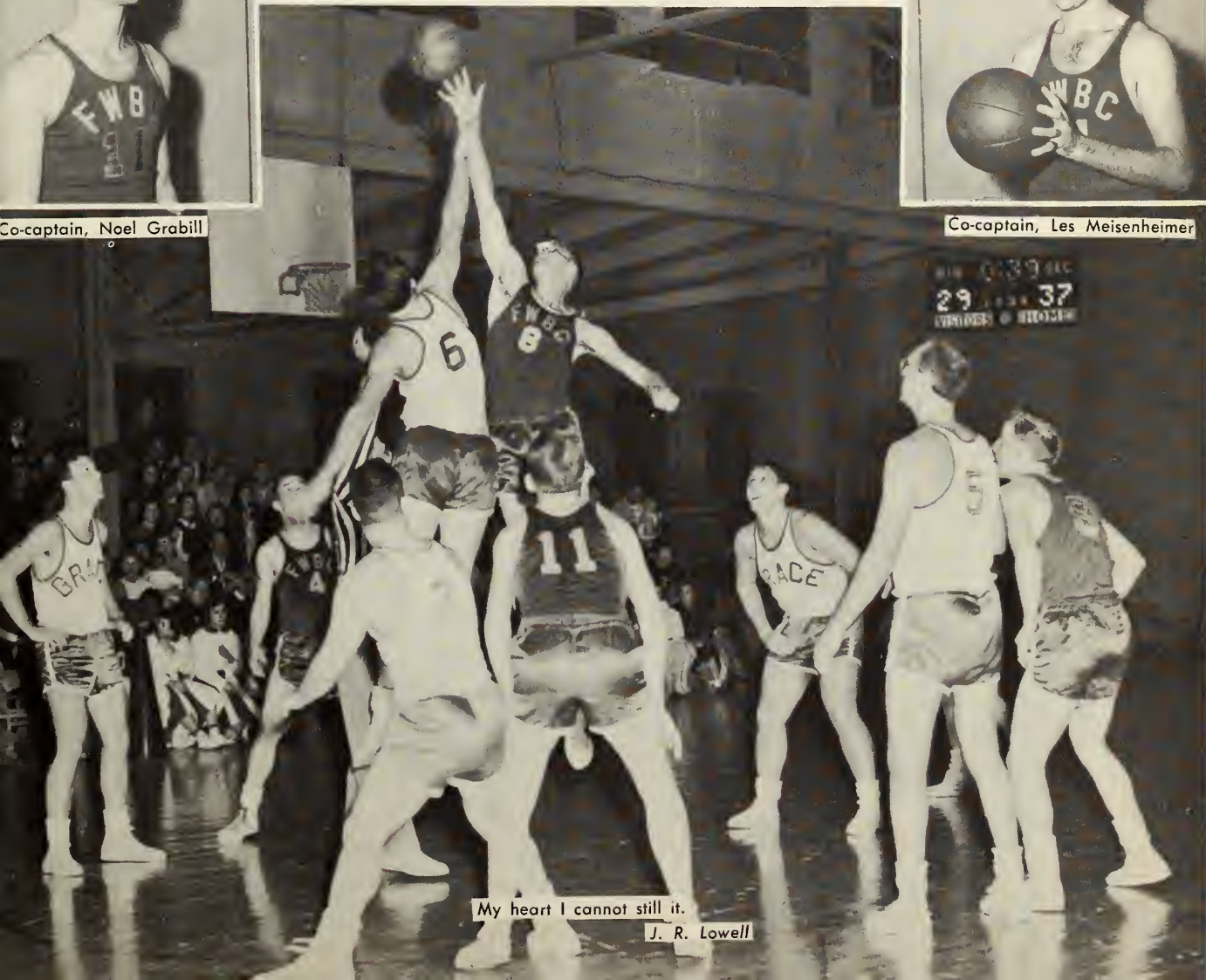
CHEERLEADERS: FIRST ROW — Bertha Wilson, Lillian Hughes.  
SECOND ROW—Patricia McCune, Carl Burke, Jerry Lehman, Sally Allen.



Co-captain, Noel Grabill



Co-captain, Les Meisenheimer



My heart I cannot still it.

J. R. Lowell

# 1955-56 INTERCOLLEGIATE GAME SCHEDULE

			FWBC	Opp
Nov. 19	Grace Theological Seminary	Here	84	53
Dec. 3	Grace Theological Seminary	There	59	78
Dec. 6	Huntington College (B)	There	74	59
Jan. 14	Detroit Bible Institute	There	67	46
Jan. 21	Detroit Bible Institute	Here	66	41



Handle your tools without mittens.

Franklin



How beautiful is victory, but how dear!

Boufflers



# Other Sports

Students enjoy relaxation and fellowship as they participate in the intramural sports program. Tournaments in volley-ball, table tennis, badminton, and softball are arranged by athletic directors from each class in cooperation with Mrs. Lansing Bulgin, director of intramural sports.



DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURAL SPORTS  
Eleanor Bulgin



TROPHY WINNERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Elizabeth Bruner,  
Edwin Jones, Miriam Sprunger, William Wilson.



Roberta Carter, Mrs. Bulgin, Instructor

# Intramural



The college gymnasium is the scene of thrills, cheers, and mid-afternoon hilarity when the intramural basketball teams take to the court each week. This year the freshmen spread victorious wings becoming intramural league champs, followed in order by the sophomores, seniors, and juniors. Their flight was grounded for a time, however, when on All Sports Night, February 25, the All-Stars, composed of members of the other three teams, clipped a few feathers; the final score was 65 to 52. This game climaxed intramural basketball for the season.

INTRAMURAL CAPTAINS: Paul Schade, Ronald Krause, William Enright, Robert Taylor, Lester Meisenheimer.



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# Basketball



Of feet beneath that faintly thud.

*Wilbur*



All celebrated people lose dignity on  
a close view.

*Napoleon*



TROPHY WINNERS: Therman Strader, Forest Yoder, Paul Schade, Ronald Krause, Vernon Haller, Milton Sinn.

# Musical Activities

The School of Sacred Music trains students for ministry in music. Theory, composition, conducting and music history are among subjects offered, with private instruction given in piano, organ, voice, strings, brasses and woodwinds. Any music course is available for those qualifying and private lessons in voice and instruments are available to all students.



L. W. Bulgin, Band director.



Music . . . the universal language.

*Longfellow*



BAND: FIRST ROW—William Koehnlein, Shirley Reel, Rochelle Liechty, Nancy Brown, Orvil Schlatter, John Steiner. SECOND ROW—William Paul, Floyd Brick, Paul Weidner, Milton Sinn, Scott Merryman.

The band, a new music organization on campus, is under the capable leadership of Mr. Bulgin, director of the School of Music Education. Having instrumental ability and an interest in music, the students participating in band and its activities find wholesome enjoyment along with proper training. The time and effort expended to further growth and popularity of this organization has been rewarded by the band's rapid progress as evidenced by commendable performances at inter-collegiate basketball games this year.





## Oratorio Chorus

An impressive December highlight is the Oratorio Chorus' annual performance of Handel's "Messiah". The majestic strains of this soul-stirring work linger with listeners, lifting their hearts in triumphant praise to Christ the Redeemer. Soloists for this year's presentation were: Dorothy Gilchrist of Chicago, Illinois, soprano; Margaret Albert, Fort Wayne, Indiana, alto; Darrell Gerig, a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College from Decatur, Indiana, tenor; and Dale Jorgensen of Bloomington, Indiana, bass. The hundred-voice chorus was made up of students and alumni while orchestra personnel included members of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic Orchestra and music students of the college. The entire Messiah production was under the direction of Professor Lansing W. Bulgin.



ORATORIO OFFICERS: Douglas Hodges, Esther Kemmerer, William Witker, L. W. Bulgin, faculty advisor.





## *A Cappella Choir*

Bringing glory to the name of Christ through sacred music is the mission of the Fort Wayne Bible College A Cappella Choir. Throughout the fall and winter months choir members practice and rehearse in preparation for an extensive two-week spring tour. The choir constantly experiences the joy of the Lord as they present concerts in churches, Youth for Christ gatherings, and specially-arranged high school meetings. An informal session, diverting from the regular program, affords the audience a glimpse into college life while at the same time giving choir members opportunity to witness in testimonies and choruses. Upon return to campus, choir members' overflowing blessings result in a contagious spiritual uplift for the faculty and student body who had faithfully upheld the choir in prayer. This year, under direction of Miss Betty Stanley, the choir gave concerts in Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland during a seventeen-day tour.





A CAPPELLA OFFICERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—James Leever, Miss Betty Stanley, director; Mayme Hodges, William Enright, Audrey Sparks, Esther Kemmerer, William Witker.



Miss Betty Stanley,  
Director

# Senior Recitals

The senior recital is a summit experience in a music major's training at Fort Wayne Bible College. This concert is presented after years of study and hundreds of hours spent in practice rooms. Students majoring in voice or instruments are required to present a recital in their senior year as a public demonstration of musical achievement.

## MARGUERITE KROHN (Not pictured)

A graduate of the class of 1955, Marguerite Krohn presented her senior recital in Founders Memorial auditorium the following October. Marguerite studied under Professors Ira Gerig and Rene Frank and is now teaching piano at the Sparks Conservatory in Royal Oak, Michigan.

## CHARLOTTE ETLING

After four years of study and many weeks of thorough preparation, Charlotte Etling gave her senior recital on May twelfth. Having studied piano under Professors Ira Gerig and Rene Frank, she graduates with the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree.



## ARLENE RIEGEL

Arlene Riegel climaxed four years of study under Professor Ira Gerig when she presented her piano recital on March seventeenth. Arlene has been a student piano instructor for several years and plans to teach music on the mission field.





# Purpose

(SERVICE AND DEVOTIONS)

So it was, that mile after mile,  
And day after day, the company pressed forward,  
Learning the lessons the instructor taught,  
Heeding the warnings that he gave,  
Applying the principles he discussed,  
And practicing the methods he proposed.  
Yet even more valuable  
Than all the hours spent in lessons or in talk  
Were those times when their Friend again appeared  
Amongst them, to comfort and encourage,  
And to give them insight into those experiences of the race  
That even the instructor could only describe, not explain.

Thus they learned the rules of the race,  
Methods of running, dangers, and rewards.

But they that wait upon the Lord  
Shall renew their strength  
They shall run and not be weary.

Isaiah 40:31





# Child Evangelism



Shirley Hirschy and Miss Louise Kimmel

Fort Wayne Bible College offers students an opportunity for training and experience in child evangelism by arranging classroom instruction and providing for student teaching of Child Evangelism classes. Miss Louise Kimmel, director of the Fort Wayne area teaches the Monday evening training class on the college campus. Students are afforded unique opportunities of reaching unchurched children and homes in the community; classes are held each week day in various Fort Wayne homes where students teach boys and girls the way of salvation, supplemented by songs, Scripture verses, and instruction in prayer and worship. Child Evangelism provides excellent experience for students who are training in the field of children's work.



CHILD EVANGELISM TEACHERS: FIRST ROW—Roberta Carter, Marlyn Bilger, Shirley Hirschy, Joanna Brewer, Eleanor Vondran, Shelba Yoder, Betty Donaghue, Betty Ziegler. SECOND ROW—Mary Lou Beeman, Esther Hofstetter, Lillian Hughes, Janice Burr, Edna Manyan, Dorothy Rambo, Carol Koch. THIRD ROW—Ann Eicher, Ruth Ringenberg, Patricia Higgins, Thomas Mohr, Harold McKnight, George Beougher, Bertil Asklund, Barbara Streitmatter, Thelma Dick.





PRAYER BAND LEADERS: FIRST ROW—Jewel Freeman, Esther Kemmerer, Joanna Brewer, Elaine Perry, Evelyn Strahsburg, Jean Wrightson, Shirley Hirschy, Grace Shillingsburg. SECOND ROW—Kenneth Hewitt, Vernon Babcock, William Light, David Lang, Harold McKnight, Alvin Sauter, John Butler, Lester Meisenheimer, Alva Herron.

## *5 o'clock Prayer Band*

Sacred recordings played on the campus public address system call students from ordinary college bustle to the prayer room in Founders Memorial. Those who attend enjoy the high privilege of intercession for mission fields; students pray for a different area of the world each afternoon. With student leaders presiding, special needs are brought before the prayer band and occasionally a missionary speaker is invited to represent his field to the group. Five o'clock prayer band is an important opportunity for Christian service and is a spiritual blessing to all who take advantage of its privileges.



Mrs. Joe Shisler with African national

# Sunrise Chapel



On weekdays, over twenty alarm clocks on the campus are set for an early hour. Their owners turn them off and get up with promptness rarely found among college students. These people must be ready to begin rehearsal for the day's broadcast of Sunrise Chapel at 6:45. After forty-five minutes of concentrated practice, precision timing and a few yawns, the program is broadcast directly from the campus at 7:30 by WKJG, a local radio station. Hymns appropriate to President Witmer's inspiring meditation are sung each morning by the Chapel singers, and listeners over a wide area begin their day with God listening to Sunrise Chapel.



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ENSEMBLE: FIRST ROW—Magdalene Steiner, Jean Kerby, Mayme Hodges, Katherine Hanna, Edwin Jones, announcer.  
SECOND ROW — Douglas Hodges, Theodore Etling, Paul Robbins, Clifford Lake, Thomas Johnson.



SUNRISE MEDITATIONS: Dr. S. A. Witmer.



ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR: Miss Betty Stanley.

# Gospel Teams

Gospel teams representing the college give students an opportunity for Christian service in music and preaching; in addition to the privilege of service, team members gain invaluable experience in appearing before audiences. Gospel teams are engaged regularly on Sundays and weekends and are frequently used in services on campus during the week. Through the consecrated lives and dedicated talents of members, these teams seek to bring the lost to Christ and to influence youth to seek God's will for their lives.



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# *Sunday School Teachers*

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS: FIRST ROW — Geraldine King, Jean Kerby, Dorothy Royalty, Betty Linkous, June Cavender, Pat Hopkins. SECOND ROW: — Bruce Gerig, Betty Stehl, Magdalene Steiner, Carol Koch, Melva Rouselle, Roberta Carter, Carolyn Crego, Ardene Smith, David Lang. THIRD ROW—Thomas Burke, Henry Harmon, Douglas Hodges, Thomas Branks, Larry Harter, Ray Raycroft, Thomas Mohr, Jerry Lehman.



# *Musical Assistants*

MUSICAL ASSISTANTS: LEFT TO RIGHT—Oline Brooks, Gerald Cavender, Thomas Johnson, William Enright, Gaius Steiner, Douglas Hodges.







## *Student Pastors*

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## *Mission Workers and Tract Team*

TRACT TEAM AND MISSION WORKERS: LEFT TO RIGHT—George Beougher, James Sowers, Lester Meisenheimer, John Steiner, Vance Swope, Herman Rulla, Franklin Burke, Wayne Tanaka.



## *Youth Workers*

YOUTH WORKERS: FIRST ROW — Audrey Sparks, Mary Haller, Miriam Sprunger, Oline Brooks, Mayme Hodges, Jean Wrightson, Dorothy Royalty, Darline Haller, Madelyn Shives, Elaine Perry. SECOND ROW—Elizabeth Lehman, Kenneth Cave, Frank Warren, Joseph Cunningham, Gaius Steiner, Therman Strader, Thomas Mohr.



# Devotions

## AFTER-DINNER SINGSPIRATION

As water is indispensable to life, so communion with Christ is indispensable to the victorious Christian. Students are aided in establishing a deep, regular devotional life through scheduled quiet times, after-dinner devotions, dorm prayer meetings, Campus Crusade, and five o'clock prayer band.



## Campus Crusade

A crusade of praying students under the leadership of Professor W. Morrow Cook meet on campus each Saturday evening. There is a warm, close bond of fellowship among those who attend as they share their burdens and rejoice together in answers to prayer. Campus Crusade has become a Saturday evening must for many students as they have been made aware of the power of prayer.



FIRST ROW—Ann Mertz, Margaret Richards, Professor Cook, leader. SECOND ROW—Vernon Babcock, Muriel Camp, Ada Smith, Sally Allen. THIRD ROW—Bruce Gerig, William Paul, Ruth Couture, Ruth Ringenberg, David Lang, Harvey Sprague.

Then one day the company came to a place  
Where the track divided into many tracks,  
Leading in different directions.  
The instructor stopped the company;  
And as the runners wondered what it meant,  
Their Friend appeared again, and spoke to each one,  
Pointing to the path each was to take.  
Now each was to run alone,  
To meet the dangers of which he had been warned,  
To prove his worth as a runner.

Our runner's path lay straight ahead.  
He wondered for a moment what it would be like  
To run alone again; but then his Friend reminded him,  
He did not run alone, for *He* would never leave . . .

And so the runners bade farewell  
And each set out on his own trail,  
Looking ahead into the hazy horizon,  
Realizing that a new phase of the race had begun,  
A new phase in . . .

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*Philippians 3:14*



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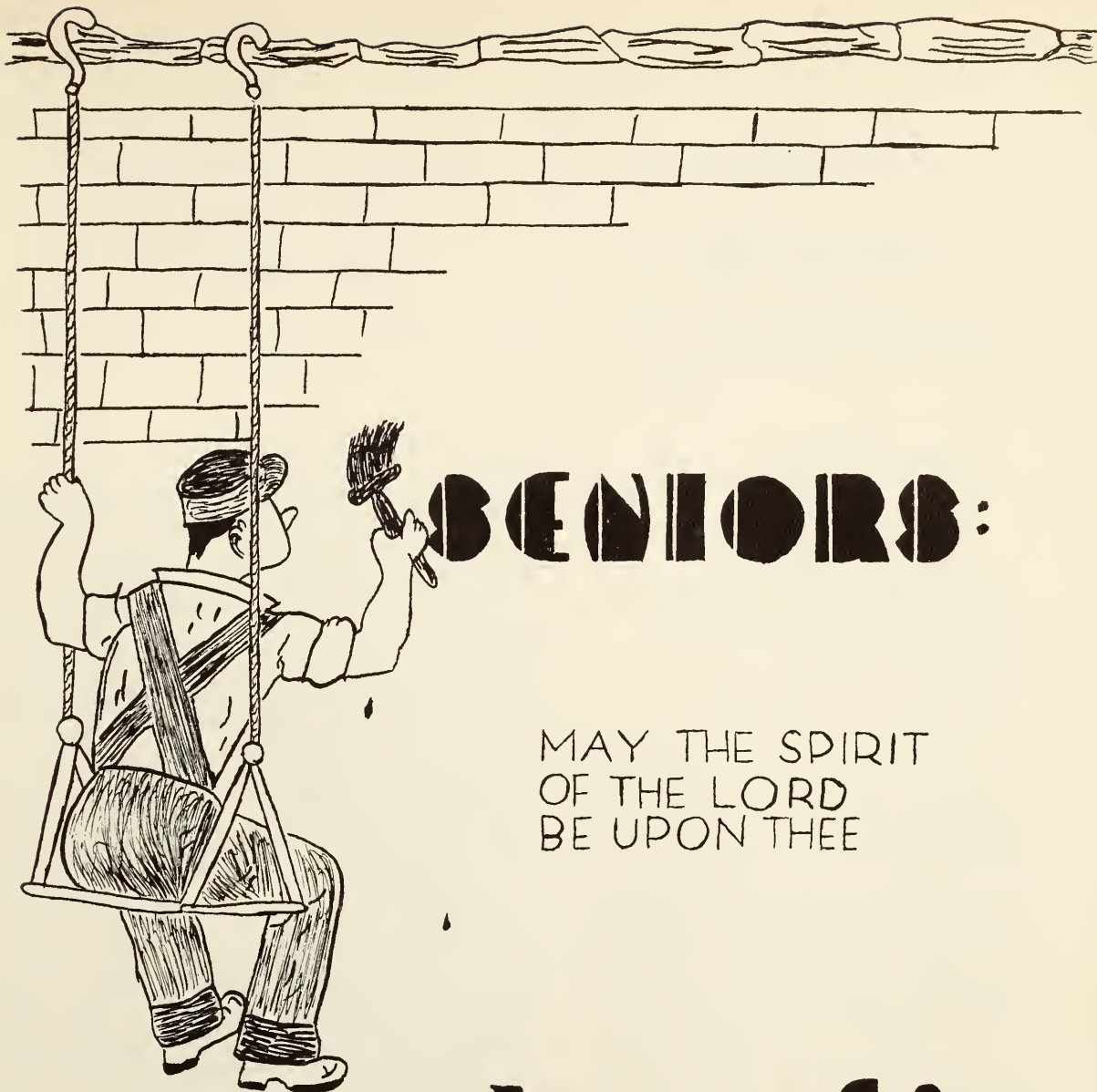
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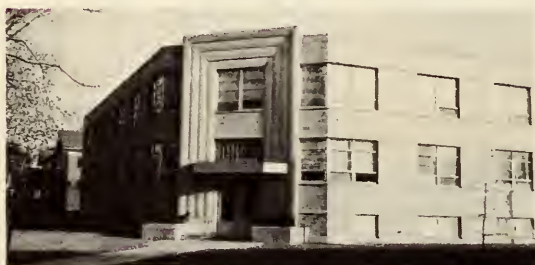
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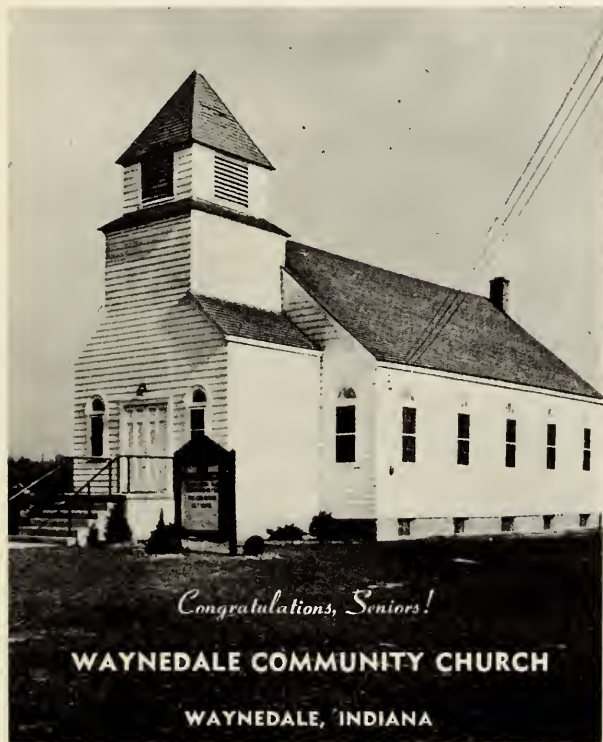
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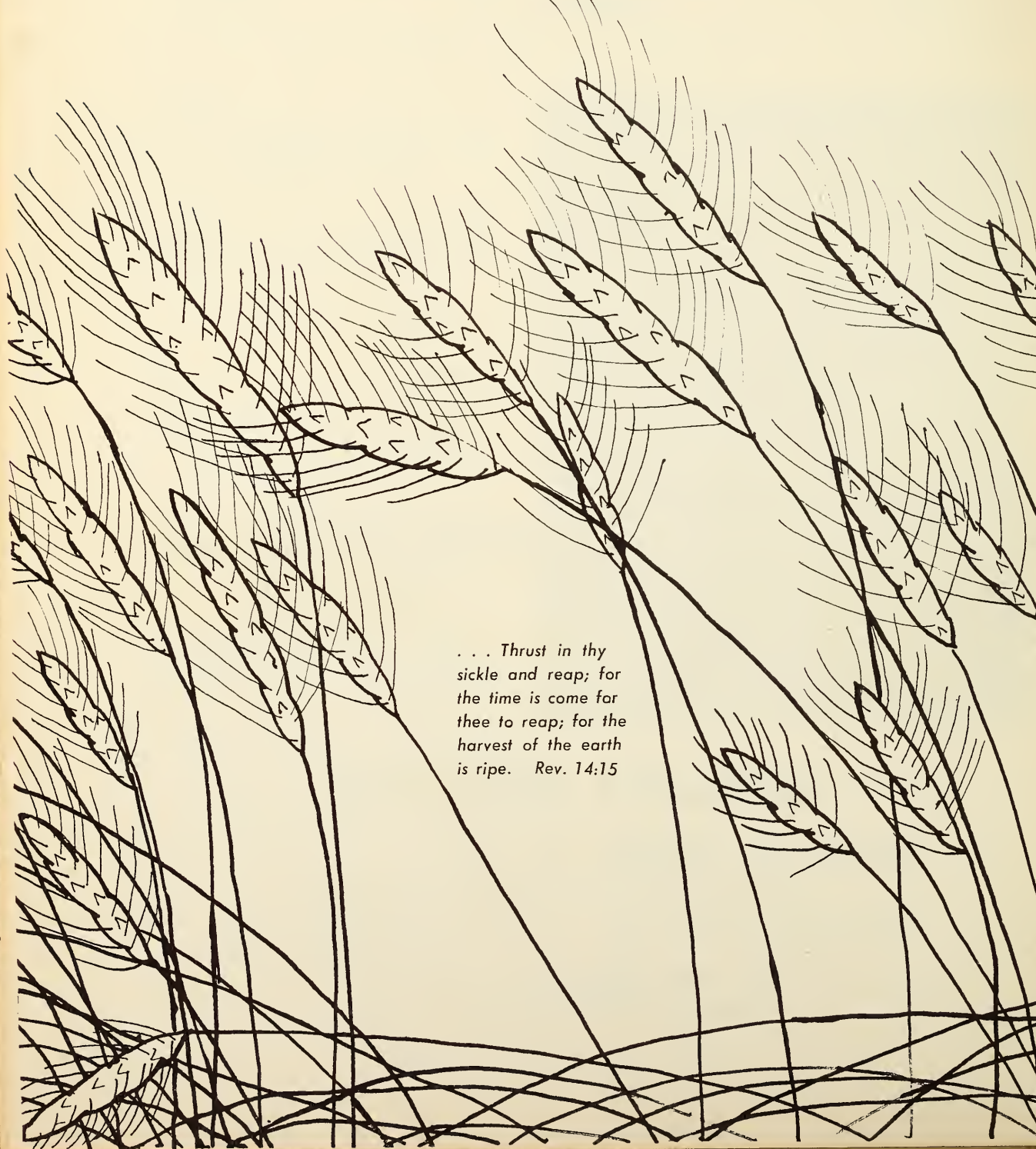
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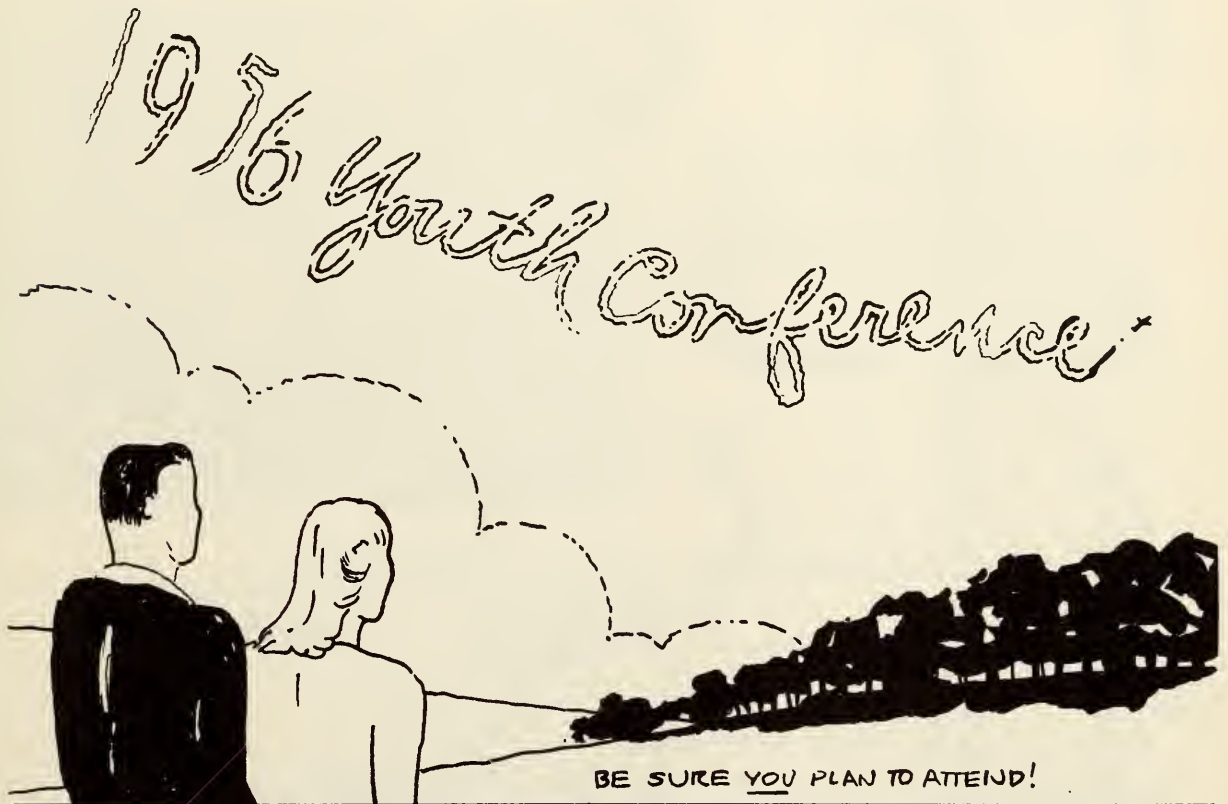
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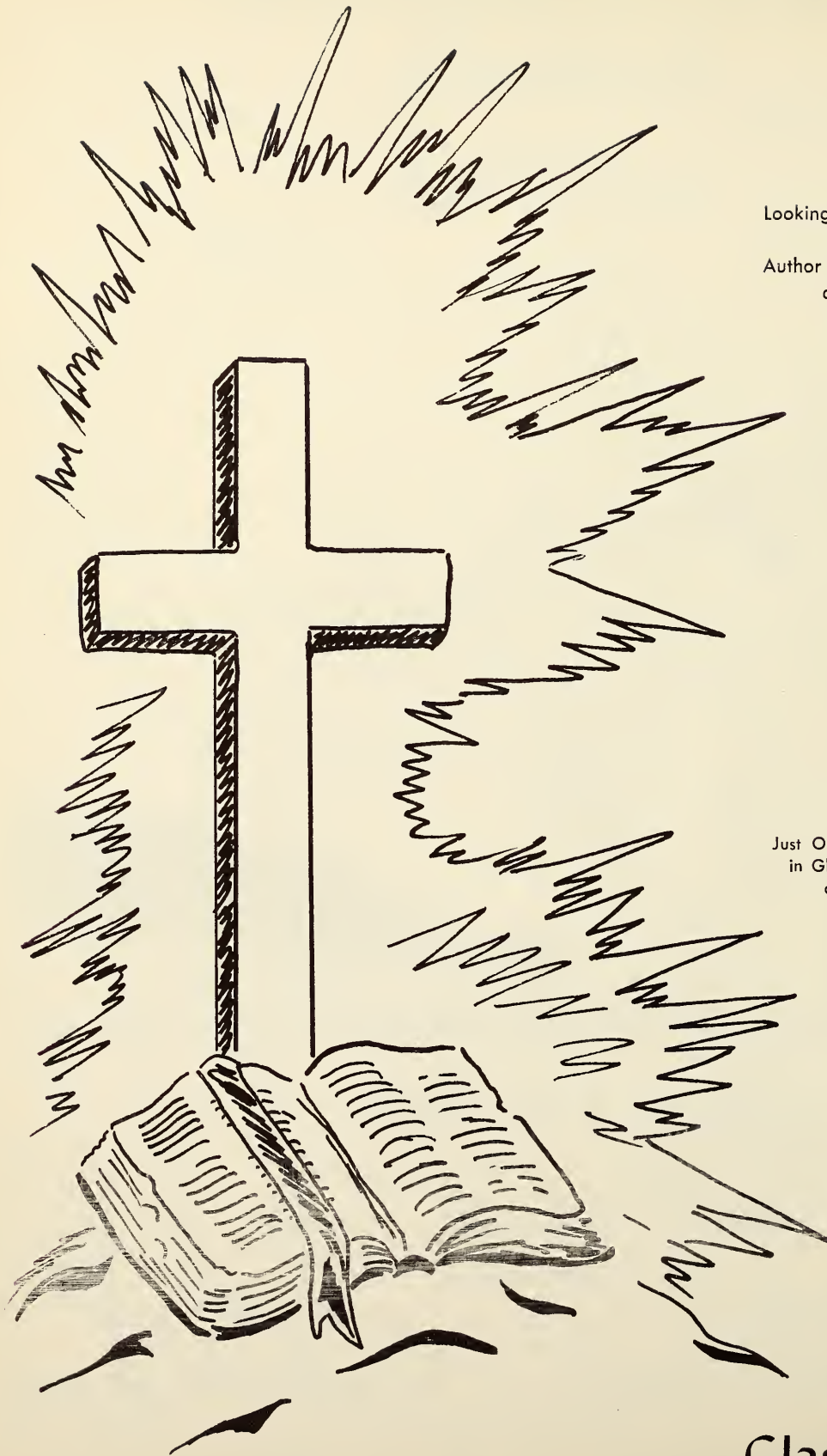
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- SETTLEMIRE, BETTY, 46  
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- SHAUM, CLIFFORD  
1008 E. Monroe  
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- SHILLINGSBURG, GRACE, 6,  
55, 85  
605 E. 2nd St.  
Park Rapids, Minn.
- SHIVES, MADELYN, 46, 79, 92  
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- SHOWERS, ELZER  
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- SIMES, VICTOR, 46, 89  
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- SINN, MILTON, 55, 77, 78,  
88, 89  
1011 N. Trumbull  
Bay City, Mich.
- SMITH, ARDENE, 50, 79, 80, 91  
1307 Wilson  
Peoria, Ill.
- SMITH, BARBARA, 48, 58  
1610 Smith  
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SMITH, HENRY, 50  
Levering, Mich.

SMITH, LOIS  
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Glendale, Calif.

SODERQUIST, SYVILLA, 55  
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Gaylord, Mich.

SONIUS, PAULINE  
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SONIUS, RONALD  
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SOWERS, JAMES, 13, 46, 92  
732 E. Henry  
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81, 92  
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SPRAGUE, HARVEY, 55  
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SPRINGFIELD, BILLY  
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SPRUNGER, MIRIAM, 39, 75, 92  
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STEINER, GAIUS, 31, 42, 47,  
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91, 92  
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STEINER, JONATHAN, 50, 78, 92  
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STEINER, MAGDALENE, 39, 66,  
68, 69, 80, 87, 90  
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STEININGER, CARMEN, 50  
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79, 80, 92  
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Royal Oak, Mich.

STRAHSBURG, EVELYN, 56, 79, 85  
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SUDMANN, WILLIS, 51  
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Auburn, Ind.

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TAO, MITSUE, 56  
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Lima, Ohio

TAYLOR, ROBERT, 7, 32, 40, 72,  
76, 81  
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